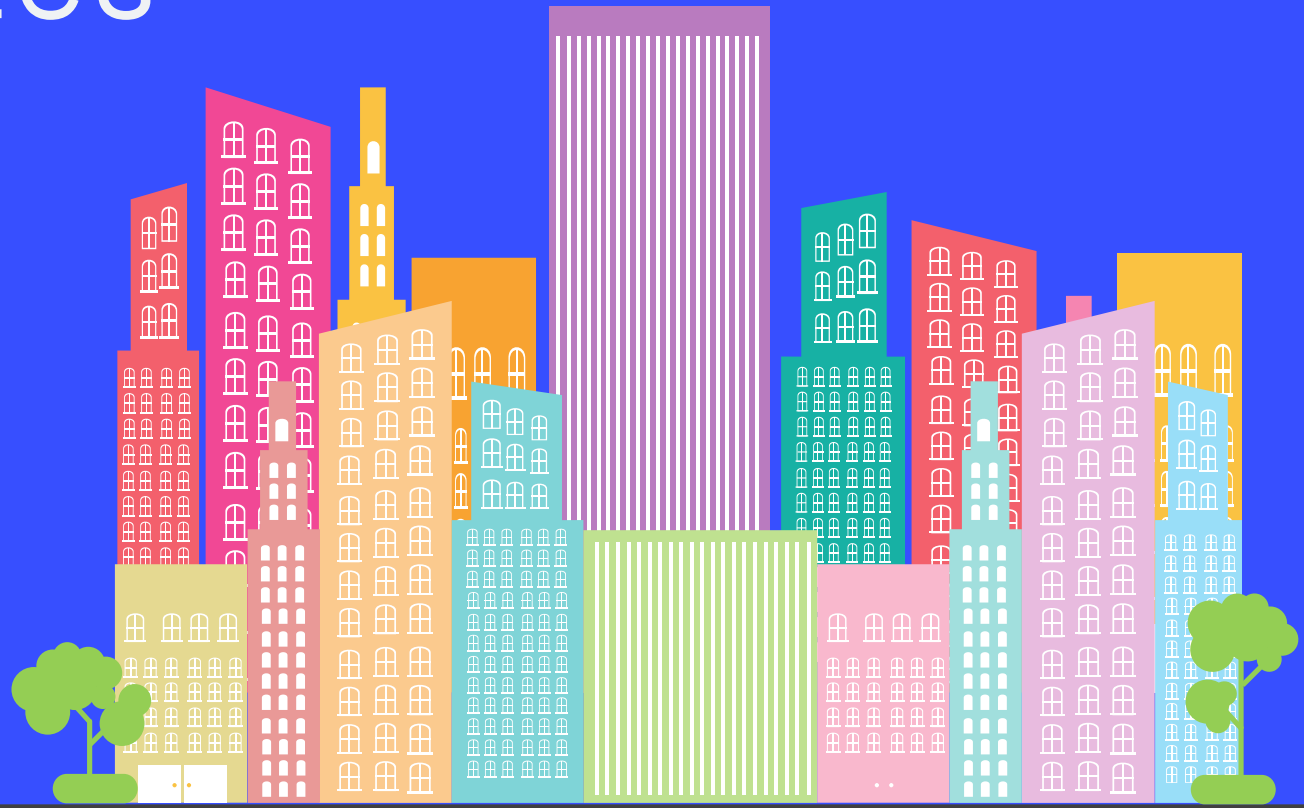
JS BUILDING BLOCKS

Values & Variables



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- Work with primitive types
- Understand let & const
- Use String Template Literals
- Work with common operators/methods

PRIMITIVE TYPES

- Number
- String
- Boolean
- Null
- Undefined

* Technically there are two others: Symbol and BigInt

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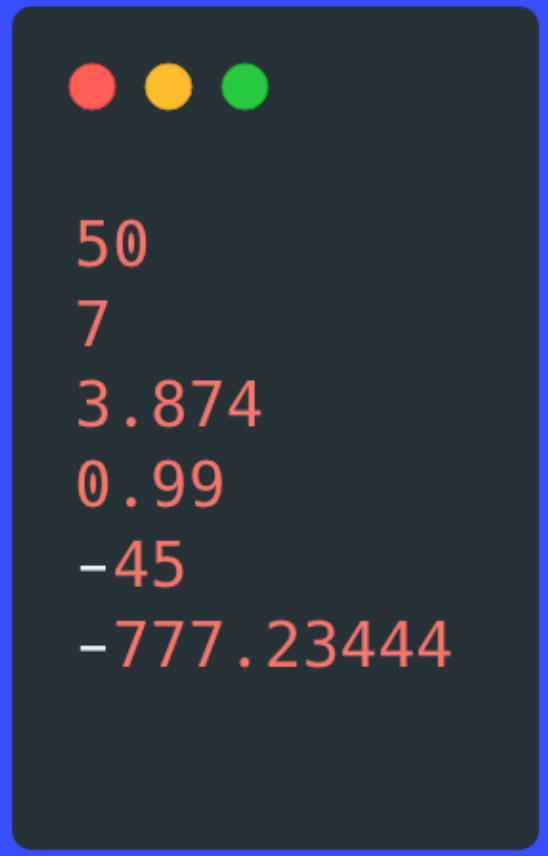
RUNNING CODE IN THE CONSOLE

We'll start by using the chrome console to quickly run code without any setup. (just for this section)

NUMBERS IN JS



- JavaScript has ONE Number type
- Positive numbers!
- Negative numbers!
- Whole number (integers)!
- Decimal numbers!

SIMPLE OPERATIONS

```
//Addition
50 + 5 //55

//Subtraction
90 - 1 //89

//Multiplication
11111 * 7 //77777

//Division
400 / 25 //16

//Modulo!!
27 % 2 //1
```

We have all the basic math operations you would expect...

// creates a comment, which JS will ignore

NaN

NOT A NUMBER

NaN is a numeric value that represents something that is not...a number

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```
0/0 //NaN

1 + NaN //NaN
```

QUIZ

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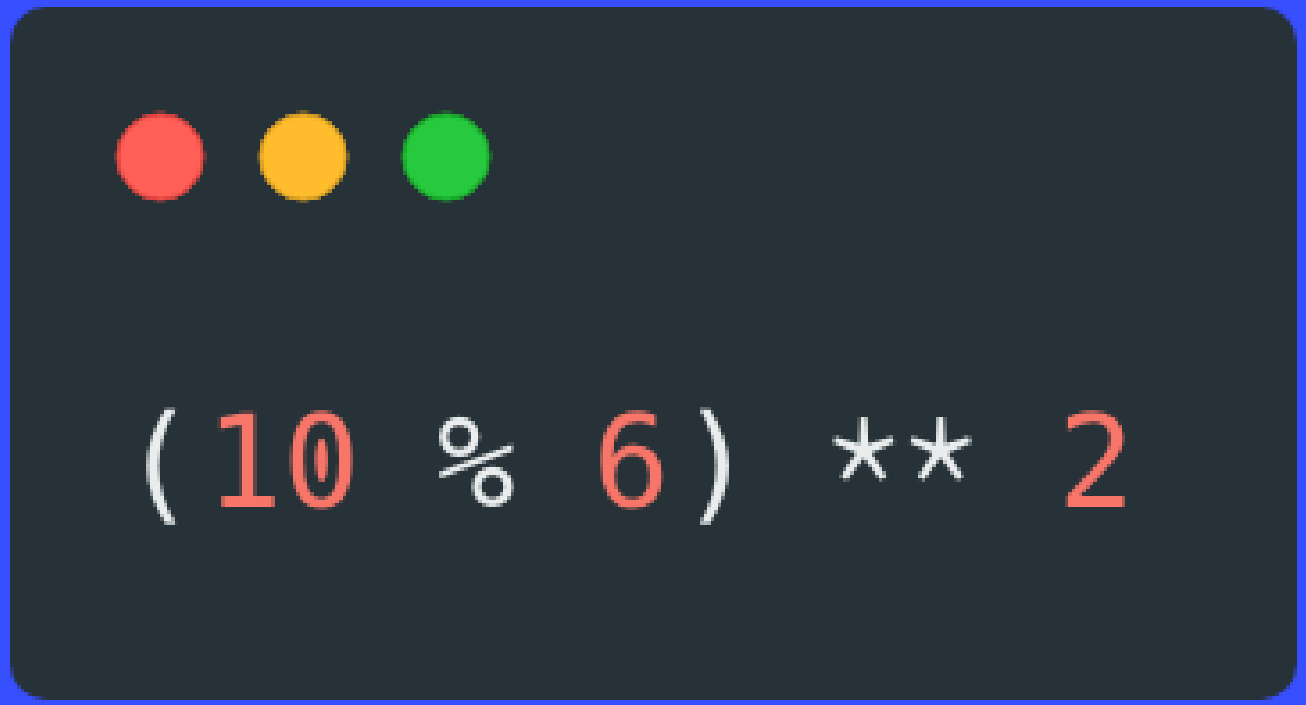

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VARIABLES

Variables are like "labeled jars" for a value in JavaScript.

We can store a value and give it a name, so that we can...

- recall it
- use it
- or change it later on.

BASIC SYNTAX

```
let someName = value;
```

BASIC SYNTAX

```
let age = 55;
```

Make me a variable called "age" and give it the value of 55

RECALL VARIABLES

```
let hens = 4;

let roosters = 2;

hens + roosters //6
```

UPDATE VALUES

```
let hens = 4;

//A raccoon killed a hen :(
hens - 1; //3

hens; //Still 4!

//To actually change hens:
hens = hens - 1;
hens //3
```

This does not change the value stored in hens

This does!

CONST

```
const hens = 4;
hens = 20;  //ERROR!


const age = 17;
age = age + 1;  //ERROR!
```

const works just like let, except you CANNOT change the value

NOT ALLOWED!
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!!
I'M TELLING MOM!!!

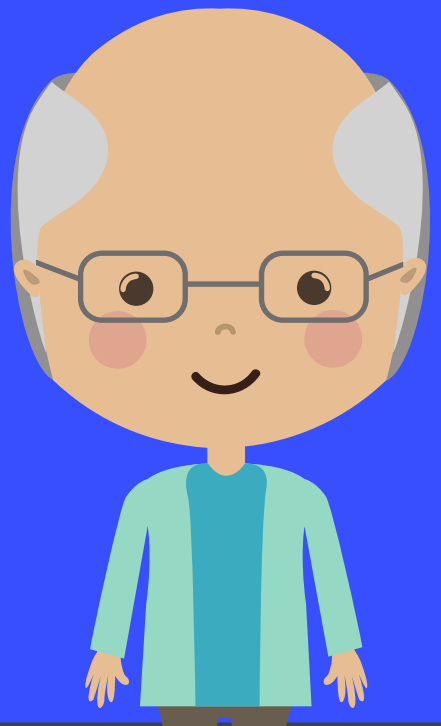
WHY USE CONST?

```
const pi = 3.14159;

const daysInWeek = 7;

const minHeightForRide  = 60;
```

Once we cover Arrays & Objects, we'll see other situations where *const* makes sense over *let*.

VAR

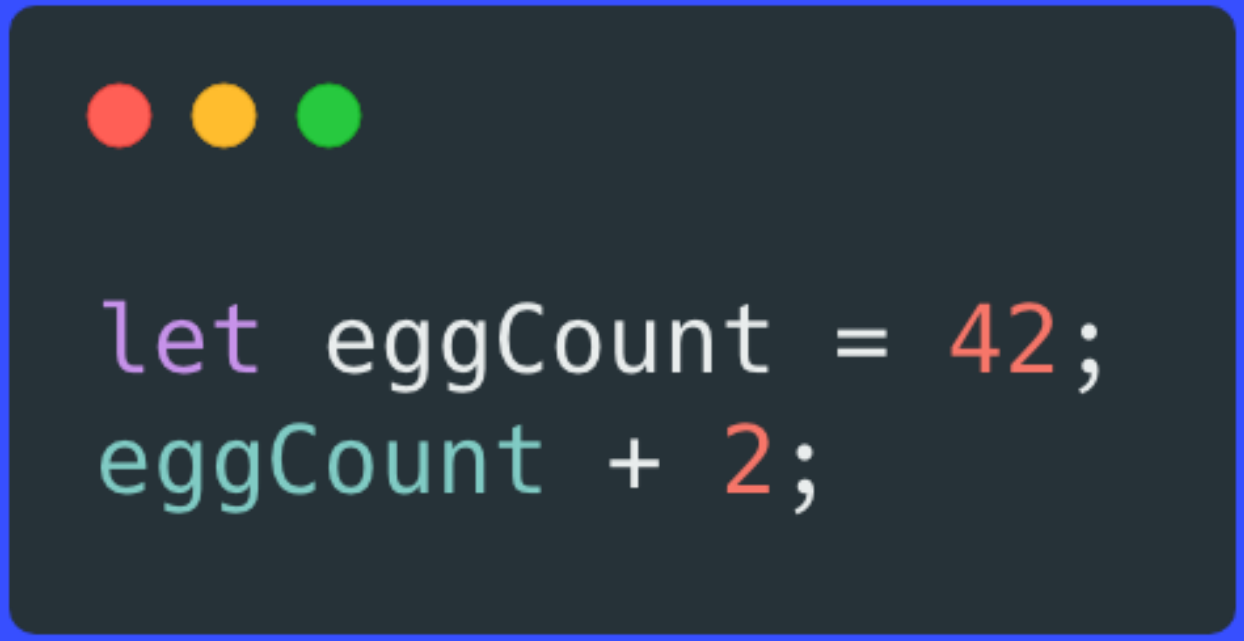
```
var tripDistance = 7.4;
```



Before *let* & *const*, *var* was the only way of declaring variables. These days, there isn't really a reason to use it.

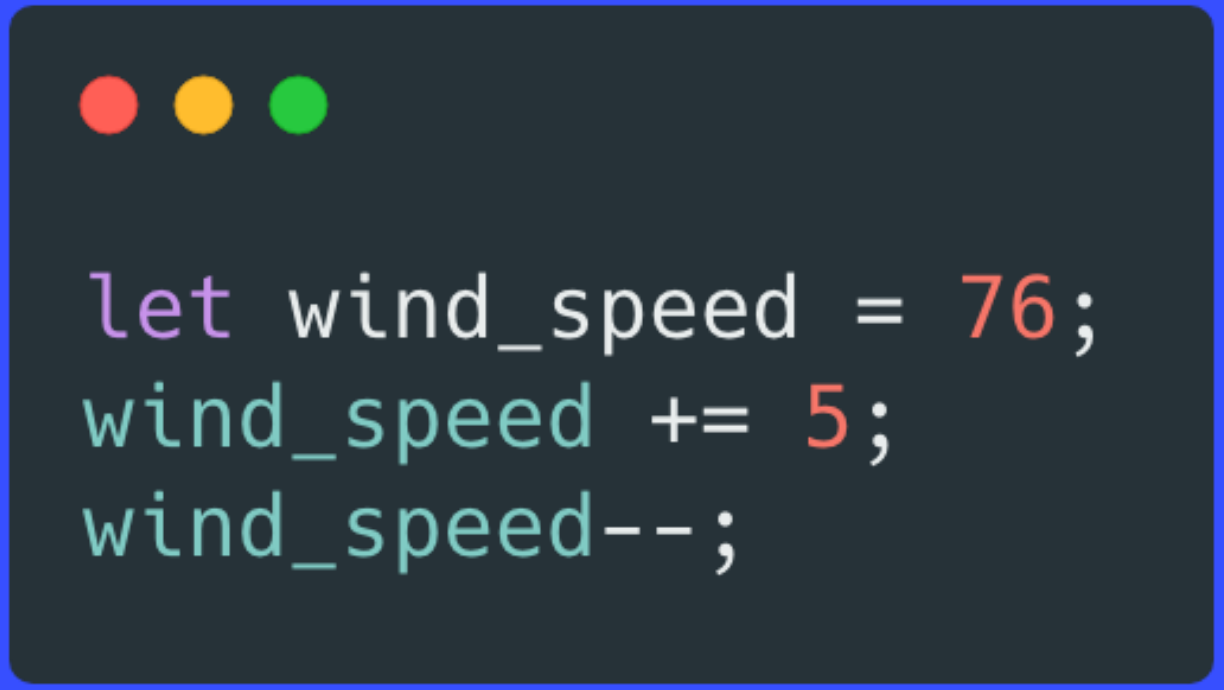
QUIZ

What is the value of *eggCount* ?



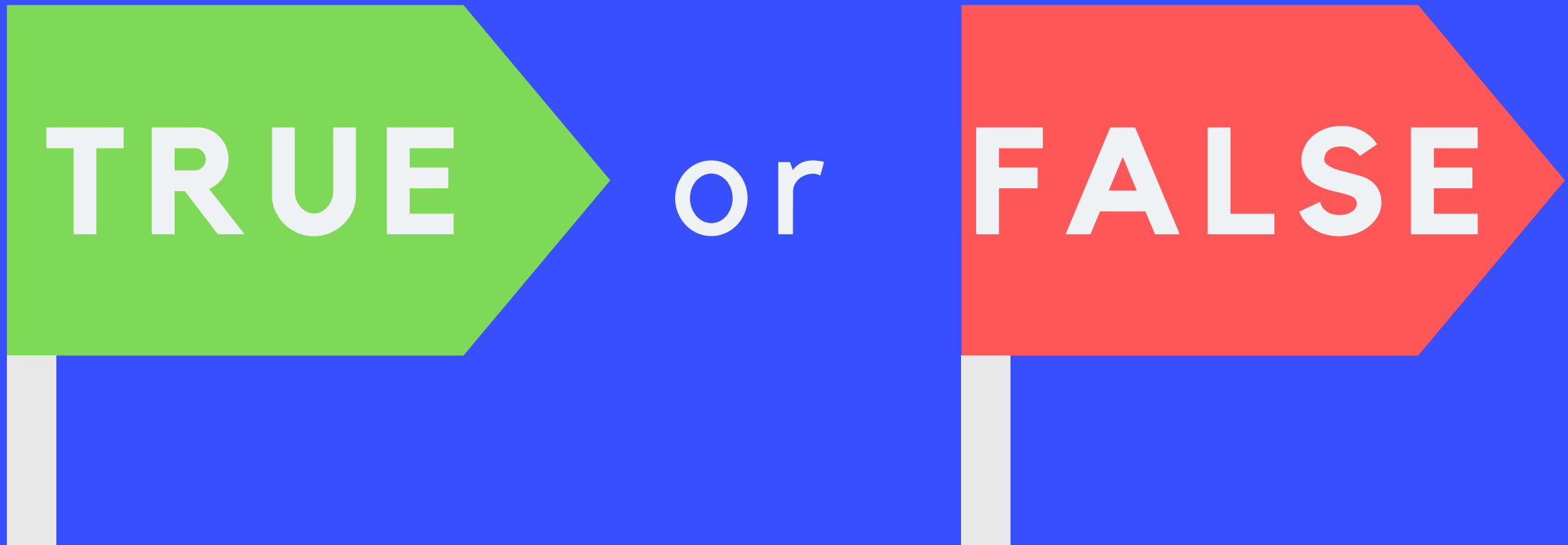
What is the value of *rating* after this code runs?

What's the value of *wind_speed* ?



What's the minor issue with this code?

BOOLEANS



BOOLEANS

```
let isLoggedIn = true;

let gameOver = false;

const isWaterWet = true;
```

Booleans are simple True or False values

Yes or No. 1 or 0.

VARIABLES CAN CHANGE TYPE

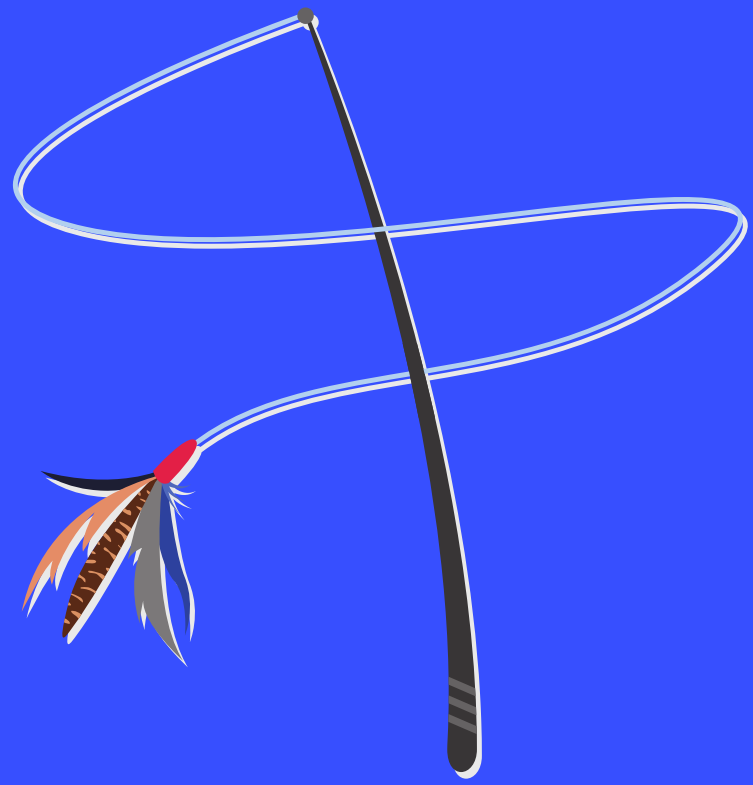
```
let numDonuts = 12; //it's a Number

numDonuts = false; //now it's a Boolean!

numDonuts = 129873872; //back to Number :)
```

You probably wouldn't change a number to a boolean, but you can!

STRINGS

In JavaScript,
Strings are pieces of text,
or *strings* of characters.

We wrap them in quotes



STRINGS

```
let firstName = "Ziggy";          Double quotes work

let msg = "Please do not feed the chimps!";

let animal = 'Dumbo Octopus';     So do single quotes

let bad = "this is wrong';     This DOES NOT work
```

Whether you use single or double quotes, just make sure you are consistent.

STRINGS ARE INDEXED

C	H	I	C	K	E	N
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Each character has a corresponding index
(a positional number)

STRINGS ARE INDEXED

```
let firstName = 'Ziggy';

//Strings have a length property:
firstName.length //5

//Access individual characters using index:
firstName[0] // "Z"
firstName[3] // "g"

//Even though length is 5...
firstName[5] //DOES NOT WORK!
```

STRING METHODS

Strings come with a set of built-in methods, which are **actions** that can be performed on or with that particular string.

We can do things like...

- Searching within a string
- Replacing parts of a string
- Changing case (upper/lowercase)

thing.method()

Changing Case

```
let msg = 'I am king';
let yellMsg = msg.toUpperCase(); // 'I AM KING'

let angry = 'LeAvE mE aLoNe!';
angry.toLowerCase(); // 'leave me alone!'

//the value in angry is unchanged
angry; // 'LeAvE mE aLoNe!'
```

trim

```
let greeting = '    leave me alone plz     ';

greeting.trim() // 'leave me alone plz'
```

thing.method(arg)

Some methods accept **arguments** that modify their behavior.

We pass these arguments inside of the parentheses.

indexOf

```
let tvShow = 'catdog';

tvShow.indexOf('cat'); // 0
tvShow.indexOf('dog'); // 3
tvShow.indexOf('z'); // -1 (not found)
```

slice

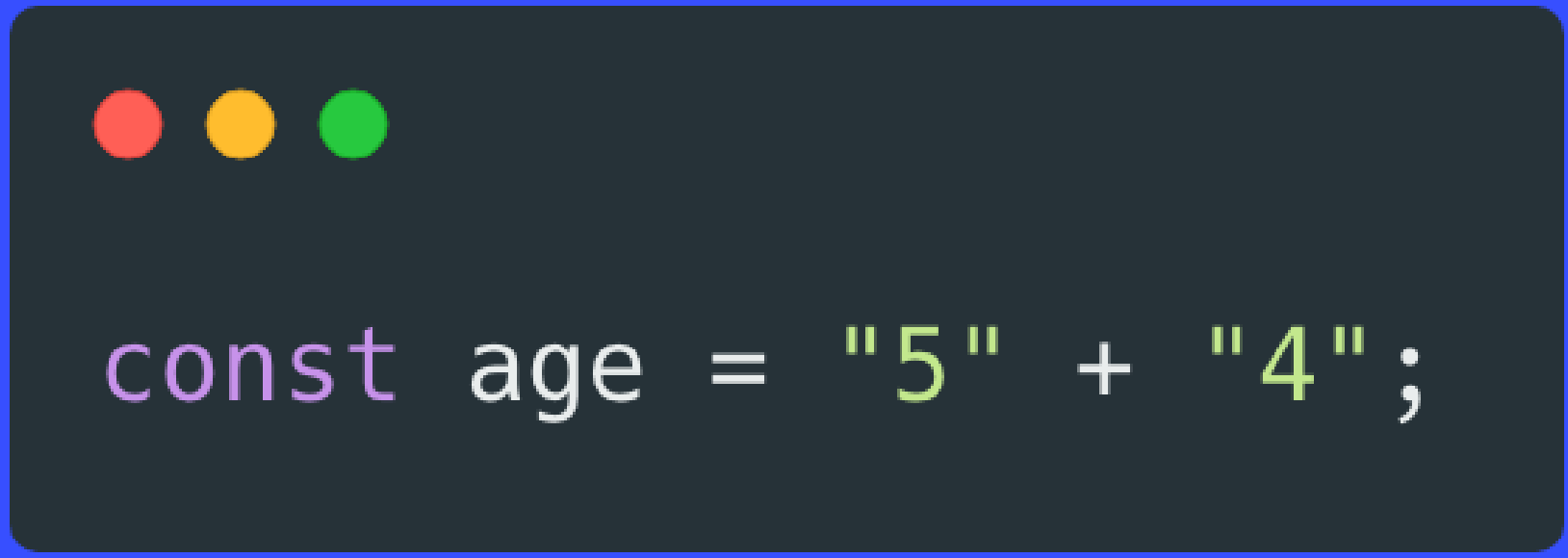
```
let str = 'supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'

str.slice(0,5); //'super'

str.slice(5); // 'califragilisticexpialidocious'
```

replace

```
let annoyingLaugh = 'teehee so funny! teehee!';

annoyingLaugh.replace('teehee', 'haha') // 'haha so funny! teehee!'
//Notice that it only replaces the first instance
```

QUIZ

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF *AGE*?



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What is the value of *song*?

```
let song = "london calling";
song.toUpperCase();
```

What is the value of *cleanedInput*?

```
let userInput = "   TODD@gmail.com";
let cleanedInput = userInput.trim().toLowerCase();
```

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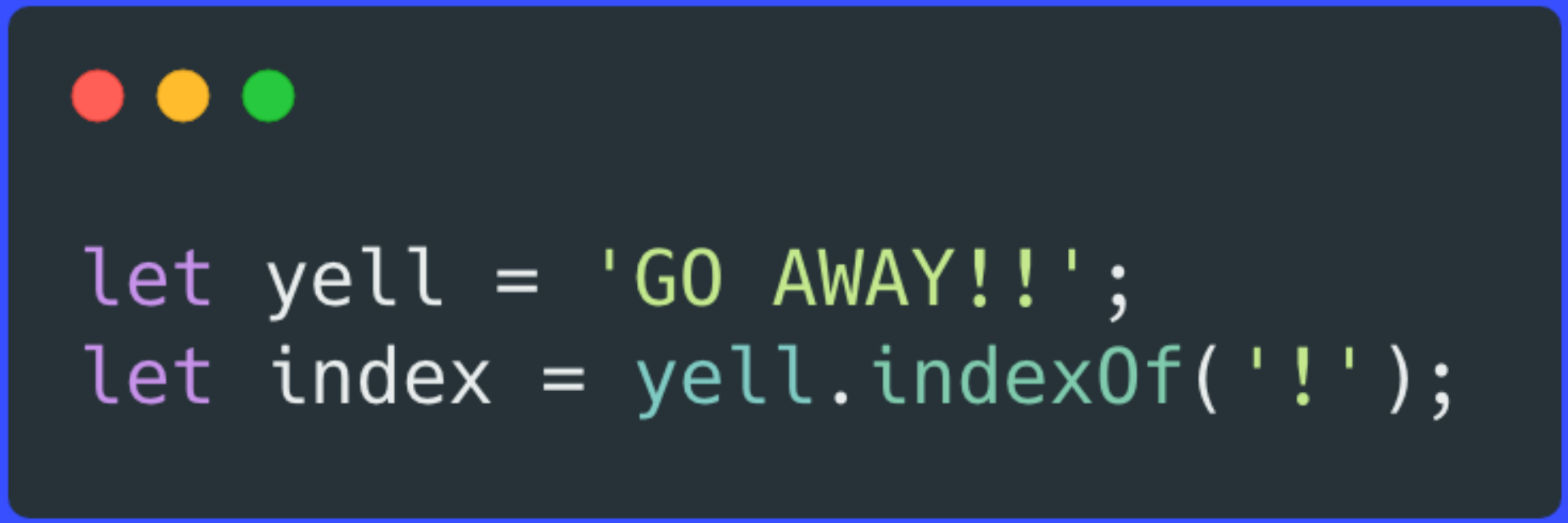

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```
'GARBAGE!'.slice(2).replace("B",'');
```

STRING ESCAPES

- \n – newline
- \' – single quote
- \" – double quote
- \\ – backslash

STRING TEMPLATE LITERALS

Template literals are strings that allow embedded expressions, which will be evaluated and then turned into a resulting string.

```
`I counted ${3 + 4} sheep`;  // "I counted 7 sheep"
```

WE USE BACK-TICKS NOT SINGLE QUOTES

`I am a template literal`

* The back-tick key is usually above the tab key

TEMPLATE LITERALS

```
let username = 'Ziggy31';
`Welcome back, ${username}` // "Welcome back, Ziggy31"

`GAME OVER ${username.toUpperCase()}` // "GAME OVER ZIGGY31"
```

TEMPLATE LITERALS

```
let item = 'cucumbers';
let price = 1.99;
let quantity = 4;

`You bought ${quantity} ${item}, total price: $${price*quantity}`;
//"You bought 4 cucumbers, total price: $7.96"
```

NULL & UNDEFINED

- Null
  - "Intentional absence of any value"
  - Must be assigned
- Undefined
  - Variables that do not have an assigned value are undefined

NULL

```
1 // No one is logged in yet...
2 let loggedInUser = null;  //value is explicitly nothing
3
4 // A user logs in...
5 loggedInUser = 'Alan Rickman';
```

UNDEFINED

```
1 let pickles;  //We didn't assign a value
2 pickles; //undefined,
3 pickles = 'are very gross'
4
5 //Undefined also comes up in other situations:
6 let food = 'tacos';
7 food[7]; //undefined
```